

# ACCESS

Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, & Students Statewide

**VIRTUAL LEARNING**

## PARENT INFORMATION

### WHAT IS ACCESS?

ACCESS Virtual Learning (Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators and Students Statewide) is an education initiative of the Alabama Department of Education. It provides opportunities and options for Alabama public middle and high school students to engage in Advanced Placement, elective and other courses they may not otherwise be able to access or schedule. ACCESS offers all of the following absolutely free:

- Supplemental and blended courses available to every 6th through 12th grade public and private schools in Alabama
- Credit recovery courses
- Advanced Placement courses
- Foreign language courses
- Alabama certified teachers in all courses
- NCAA-compliant courses

When, where, and how many courses the student takes is determined by the local school.



**Whatever Class**



**Whenever You  
Need It**



**Wherever You Are**



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the ACCESS Environment like?**

ACCESS courses are traditionally taken at your child's school during the normal school day. The school assigns a facilitator to assist students while they take their ACCESS course at school. The facilitator does not teach the ACCESS course but instead helps to motivate students and keep them on track during their ACCESS class.

### **Where do I find my child's lessons?**

ACCESS students complete their courses through the Schoology learning management system (LMS). Students will be able to find their lessons, instructor, important updates, and assignments in Schoology. Students will communicate with their ACCESS teacher through Schoology Messages.

### **Where can I see my child's ACCESS grades?**

Student's individual assignment grades can be viewed in Schoology in the Grades section. You can view your child's overall average in PowerSchool in the Grades area under the section labeled "Grades from other school districts."

### **How do I contact my child's ACCESS teacher?**

Your child's ACCESS teacher's email address is in the Teacher Information section or the course syllabus. Both of these pages are located in the Course Information folder in the Materials section of Schoology.

### **What is my role as a parent as my child takes an ACCESS course?**

Just like in traditional brick-and-mortar school buildings, parents of online students need to take an active role in supporting their child's academic success. It is important to remember that the less experienced a student is at taking online classes, the more support a parent will have to provide, particularly in the area of time management. As students gain experience and become more autonomous virtual learners, the level of parental support may lessen. In addition to supporting time management skills, parents should also ensure that the child is logging in daily to each class, discussing academic grades and progress, and requiring compliance with ACCESS and local school policies.